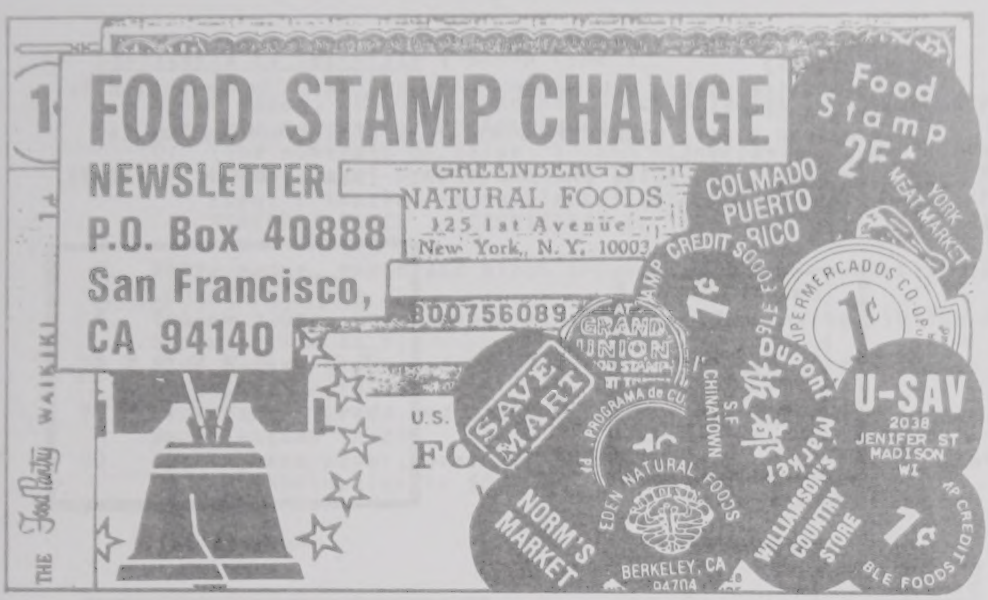

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STUDIES IN PAPER II

In the January issue two series of paper scrip were reviewed, one on the watermarked slips of Chicago and the second on the cardstock scrip used in several Rocky Mountain states. The purpose was to highlight some of the issues involved in developing catalogs of paper items. The two series mentioned were each uniform, that is both were examples of the Paper Scrip Type described in January, 1982.

What happens when mixed types are listed? That is how does one make a list with all three major types of paper items and be consistent with the needs for a logical presentation. In the article PAPER CHANGE, January 1982, pieces were shown by major type. That method, however, is not suitable for collectors who may be interested in locating and identifying pieces from their own towns. The following Puerto Rico pieces are used as a mini-catalog of one small collection to test ways of doing a localities-oriented list. For more details on the different kinds of paper items see the article, PAPER CHANGE.

All listed items are paper or light cardstock. Examples of these three sub-types can be found in more detail in the above-mentioned article. None of the below have watermarks although the Colmado El Gallo piece has a pale grey signature printed diagonally across the numbers grid which does not show in the illustration. Sizes are given in millimeters. Colors given are approximations. The spanish words "Colmado" and "Carniceria" mean grocery store and meat market in english. O: and R: mean Obverse and Reverse.

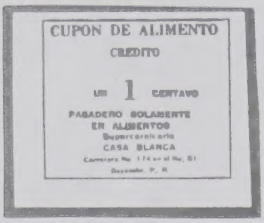
Bayamon

A. Supercarniceria Casa Blanca (Scrip Type)

1. Off-white paper, 68x56mm, black printing.
   O: CUPON DE ALIMENTO/ CREDITO/ UN 1 CENTAVO/ PAGADERO SOLAMENTE/ EN ALIMENTOS/ SUPERCARNICERIA/ CASA BLANCA/ CARRETERA NO. 174

EN EL NO. 81/ BAYAMON, P.R.
R: (blank)

5. Plain white paper, otherwise similar to #A1. Denomination is CINCO 5 CENTAVOS
10. Goldenrod paper, otherwise similar to #A1. Denomination is DIEZ 10 CENTAVOS
25. Blue paper, otherwise similar to #A1. Denomination is VEINTE/ Y CINCO 25 CENTAVOS.



Bayamon #A1

Humacao #A1

Humacao

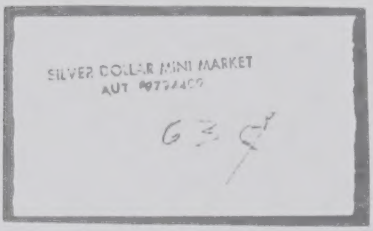
A. Supermercado El Faro (Punch Card Type)

1. Green paper, 101x72mm, black printing, left margin has traces of gum from pad.
   O: SUPERMERCADO "EL FARO"/ PROGRAMA DE CUPONES DE ALIMENTOS/ BOLETO DE CREDITO/ (rows of numbers)/ CAJERA GERENTE/ NOTAS: NO ES VALIDO POR MAS DE 99¢./ SOLAMENTE PARA ALIMENTOS ELEGIBLES.
   R: (blank)

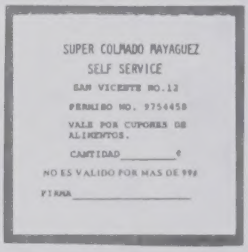
Las Piedras

A. Silver Dollar Mini Market (Blank Check Type)

1. White paper, 97x57mm, rubberstamped and hand-written in black, right and left margins serrated from being torn off cash register.
   O: SILVER DOLLAR MINI MARKET./ AUT. #9794409/ 63¢
   R: (blank)



Las Piedras #A1



San Vicente #A1

Ponce

A. Colmado El Gallo (Punch Car Type)

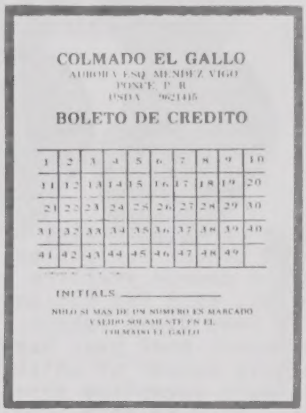
1. White paper, 76x103mm, black printing, top margin rouletted for separation.
   O: COLMADO EL GALLO/ AURORA ESQ. MENDEZ VIGO/ PONCE, P.R./ USDA - 9621415/ BOLETO DE CREDITO/ (grid of numbers with name in cursive printed in light grey J.L. BERNAL)/ fortuno inc. 58 - ponce/ INITIALS _____/ NULO (sic) SI MAS DE UN NUMERO ES MARCADO/VALIDO SOLAMENTE EN EL/ COLMADO EL GALLO
   R: (blank)

B. Carniceria El Ternerito (Scrip Type)

1. White paper, 105x51mm, red and black printing. A stock scrip with the merchants imprint added.
   O: (The numerals of value "1" and "¢" along with the design border, semi-wreath and and large numeral are in red. Merchant's imprint is in black:) CALLE/ ESTRELLA/ FRENTE/PLAZA/ MERCADO/ PONCE - CARNICERIA EL TERNERITO - AUT. 9623914

2. White paper, green and black printing, otherwise similar to #A1. Denomination is 2.
5. Yellow paper, green and black printing, otherwise similar to #A1. Denomination is 5.
10. Blue paper, green and black printing, otherwise similar to #A1. Denomination is 10.
20. Pink paper, green and black printing, otherwise similar to #A1. Denomination is 20.
50. Light green paper, green and black printing, otherwise similar #A1. Denomination is 50.

Ponce #A1


COLMADO EL GALLO
AURORA ESQ. MENDEZ VIGO
PONCE, P. R.
USDA 9621415
BOLETO DE CREDITO

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	

INITIALS _____

NOTA SI MAS DE UN NUMERO ES MARCADO VALIDO SOLAMENTE EN EL COLMADO EL GALLO

Ponce #B1

San Vicente

A. Super Colmado Mayaguez (Blank Check Type)

1. Buff light cardstock, 64mm square, black printing, rouletted at top for separation.
   O: SUPER COLMADO MAYAGUEZ/ SELF SERVICE/ SAN VICENTE NO. 12/ PERMISO NO. 9754458/ VALE POR CUPONES DE/ ALIMENTOS./ CANTIDAD ____ ¢/ NO ES VALIDO POR MAS DE 99¢/ FIRMA _____
   R: (blank)

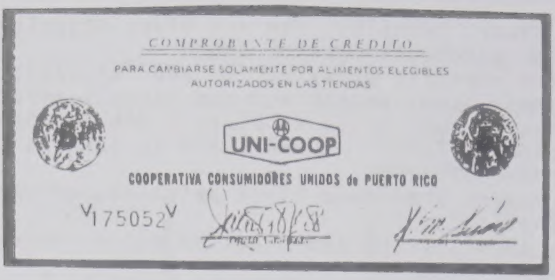
Non-Local

A. Uni-Coop (Scrip Type)

1. Buff paper, 156x76mm, black printing, serial number in red, rouletted at left margin for separation.
   O: COMPROBANTE DE CREDITO/ PARA CAMBIARSE SOLAMENTE POR ALIMENTOS ELEGIBLES/ AUTORIZADOS EN LAS TIENDAS/ 1¢ (over a photo of a U.S. Cent) UNI-COOP 1¢ (as previous)/ COOPERATIVA CONSUMIDORES UNIDOS DE PUERTO RICO/ (serial number with control letter C)/ OFICIAL AUTORIZADO OFICIAL AUTORIZADO (with two signatures)
   R: (blank)

5. Blue paper, otherwise similar to #A1. Serial number is black. Control letter is V. 5¢ is superimposed of over U.S. 5 Cents.

25. (A 25¢ version was reported in the July 1980 issue - not seen)



Non-Local #A5

Your comments on the listing of these paper pieces are warmly encouraged.

THE COUNTERSTAMPED TOKENS OF SAN FRANCISCO

While counterstamping coins and metal tokens for various uses has been a common practice with many series, such has not been the case with Food Stamp Tokens. There are no others that have been treated in this manner of which I am aware. The main exception appears to be one series of PPCo-LLSN Reverse tokens issued by the Fairview Market in my own city.

The store is a medium-sized supermarket on the corner of Orizaba Avenue and Randolph Street in the southwest section of the city, not noted for its tourist attractions. The store is somewhat rundown and located in a neighborhood that is mainly two-story, stucco detached homes built in the 1940's. The residents are mostly middle-class blacks. The store owners are a black man and his Japanese wife, Kay. She seems to be the real manager. The meat department is run by a Chinese on a sub-lease.

The tokens with street addresses (see above) were issued first, and then to differentiate those redeemable by the rest of the store from those used at the meat counter, a number were holed. Apparently this did not do the trick because the holes did not sufficiently change the color. Token rims were later casually dabbed with white paint, and finally, the letter "K" was laboriously handpainted in white on each token. Specimens of all denominations except the 1¢ tokens seem to have been so treated, although not all were holed.

"smudged"

"counterstamped"

holed

Shortly before the regulation which prohibited the use of tokens and scrip in 1979, the store ordered the tokens without and address (see below). The latter prominently featured Kay's name and avoided the confusion encountered with the other tokens.

PERSONALIZED PLASTICS ORDER BLANKS

In the October, 1981, issue an Order Blank for the Tropical Lab series of tokens was reproduced on page six. Shown here is one of the Personalized Plastics forms depicting the SLSN reverse variety. The address side of the sheet indicates "COPYRIGHT 1975 PERSONALIZED PLASTICS" in the lower right hand corner further supporting the thesis that the SLSN reverse was used in 1975. The reproduction of the 50¢ token is not clear due to damage on the original sheet.

The shipping date shown was well into 1976 and the tokens finally received had the LLSN reverse. A later order form (to be shown in a future issue) shows the typical LLSN reverse varieties and a 1976 copyright date. Do any order forms exist for the Spanish-language reverses?

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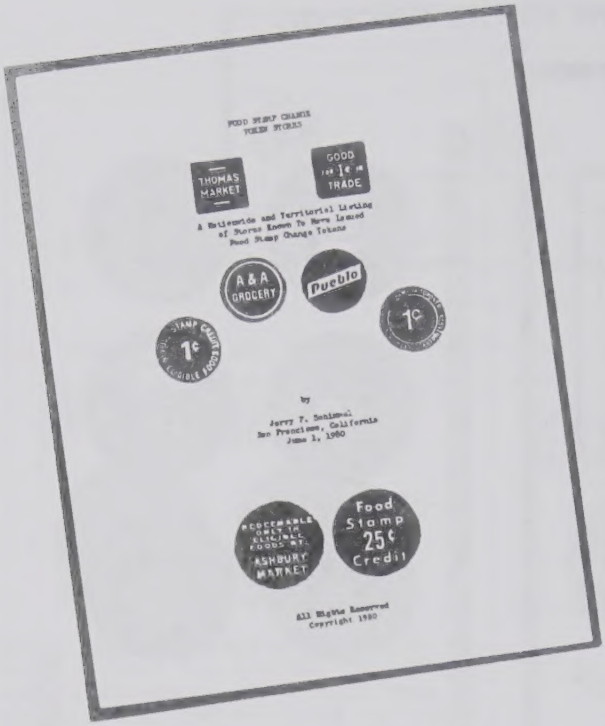

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This issue begins the Fourth Year of FSCN. Even I didn't think it would last this long, and that is because there is still a small core of die-hard subscribers, averaging 50 to 70 who keep sending in their checks. I enjoy writing and publishing the newsletter, but obviously as there gets to be more interest, especially in producing catalogs, my resources as a single person to get it all done will simply not be enough.

From time to time various persons have recommended that a national society or association be formed. I certainly concur with that as a goal, but until someone is willing to step forward and provide at least some of the time and leadership necessary for such, the largest part of any organized activity will probably continue to center around the FSCN. I continue to remain open on this topic although right now I cannot put out the time needed for the necessary organization development work. Apparently neither can those who have recommended such a course.

CATALOGS

I have been in touch with several collectors and/or authors about the development of more works like the New York and Iowa catalogs. In particular I have heard from George Hosek in Omaha about a Nebraska book (see his ad) and from Ron Benice, author of ALASKA TOKENS in regard to a similar activity. I have been working with Sr. Archilla in Puerto Rico on a possible catalog of Paper Scrip from that island. I have also been studying a shorter work for Nevada tokens, but have been unsuccesful in obtaining samples for study.

As Many of you who have joined ATCO have seen I am advertising the Iowa and New York catalogs for sale. I obtained a very good deal on the printing of the Iowa book and am selling them to raise money for the publication of other catalogs. This money goes into a special savings account for that purpose (not into my pocket!). Both Gary Pipher and Lew Ferguson have been paid in Iowa catalogs for their efforts. Gary had put up a moderate sum of cash to get the NY work printed. I am always interested in hearing what you think.

INDIANA

I recently purchased a copy of INDIANA TRADE TOKENS by Lloyd Wagaman for use in my token business. He has been one of the regular FSCN subscribers from the onset. The book has extensive FSC token listings. On the whole the book is well-organized and an easy guide for collectors. The only thing lacking was any review of the reverse varieties. But short of that miniscule flaw, I highly recommend it. Order it from Lloyd Wagaman, Rte.1 Box 195D Camby IN 46113 for $16.00.

PERSONALITIES

I am happy to mention that another of our long time subscribers, Sr. Efraín Archilla Diez was recently elected President of the Numismatic Society of Puerto Rico.

Wanted: FSC items from MISSOURI & COLORADO. Also Ration Material, Sambo's, Sales Tax Items, Prison Tokens. Geo. Van Trump Jr, Box 26523 Lakewood CO 80226-0523

Wanted: FSC tokens from PA, NY & Other states. Also "Good Fors" from NJ, NY, PA. etc. Dog Lics. Michael Weiss Jr, 3 Byrd St. Exeter PA 18643.

FSC Tokens: McDONALDS GROCERY, Greensboro IN, 1,5,10,25,50¢. Multi-colors - $2 per set, or will trade. What do you have? Virginia King R#6 Columbia City IN 46725

SAMPLE FSC Tokens wanted. Also unusual sizes, shapes, colors & materials as TYPE tokens. Some trades available. Tom Conklin P.O. Box 440 Rutherford NJ 07070

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Wanted: SOUTH DAKOTA and MAINE FSC and other exonumia items. Have some traders or will buy. Robert R. Maisch, P.O. Box 1328, Auburn ME 04210

Wanted: Trade Tokens and Wooden Nickels from CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, ALASKA, HAWAII and ARIZONA. J.L. McPheeters, 472 W.Monterey Av. Stockton CA 95204

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Wanted: Old ANIMAL LICENSES any state. Have large trading stock in tokens and other collectables and Dog Tags. Will buy one or complete collections of all types of exonumia. Clay Welty, 8410 W. 108th Av, Broomfield CO 80020

Wanted: FLORIDA FSC. Will trade other FLORIDA FSC. Also collect FL merchants tokens. Have traders from FL and other states. 10 dif. FL-FSC - $4 plus SASE. Edw. R. Joyce, 5552 Riverton Rd., Jacksonville FL 32211

Wanted to buy or trade INDIANA FSC and all MOOSE LODGE tokens. Jack R. Smith, P.O. Box 26423, Lawrence IN 46226

Want KANSAS FSC and other KANSAS exonumia. I am still cataloguing SPORT SCHEDULE tokens. Am updating the SOAP TOKEN catalog. Your help appreciated. Jim Baum, 3101 N.Arkansas Av, Wichita KS 67204

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NEBRASKA FSC. Am now cataloguing. Please send your listings. Postage refunded. Catalog deadline Spring 1984. Geo. Hosek, 7411 Idledale Ln, Omaha NE 68112.

Wanted: MICHIGAN FSC. Will buy or have some traders. Also want MICHIGAN "Good For"s. Raymond E. Olson, 545 N.Harvey, Plymouth MI 48170

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